

## PROTESTANT BIBLE PUBLISHER MADE PAPAL KNIGHT

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EDINBURGH, Scotland (NC)-- Dr. H. Peter Morrison, Protestant publisher who for 12 years has worked on a Catholic edition of the American Protestant version of the Bible, has been made a papal knight.

Pope Paul VI named him a Knight of St. Gregory the Great in recognition of his services for Christian unity, and the honor was conferred on him (Dec. 21) by Archbishop Gordon Gray of St. Andrews and Edinburgh.

Morrison, now 90, is president of Thomas Nelson and Sons, who hold the British copyright of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which was produced by a group of American scholars under the auspices of the National Council of Churches in New York.

Conferral of the knighthood on Morrison came a week after it was announced in Hartford, Conn., that similar recognition had been given by the Pope to Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean-emeritus of the Yale University Divinity School. Dr. Weigle served as chairman of the committee of scholars which prepared the new version of the so-called King James Bible. The RSV New Testament was originally published in New York in 1946 and the Old Testament in 1951.

The Catholic edition of the RSV New Testament -- prepared by a group of British Catholic scholars in collaboration with Dr. Weigle's group -- was published by the Nelson firm here and in New York in 1965. The Catholic edition of the RSV Old Testament is due for publication early in 1966.

